

What is claimed is:

1. A system for providing synthesized images, comprising:

5 a plurality of cameras for photographing subjects and obtaining image data sets, provided at predetermined locations;

a transmitting means for transmitting the image data sets, provided at each of the plurality of cameras;

10 an image managing means for storing the image data sets, which have been transmitted by the transmitting means;

a subject specifying means, for specifying the subjects which are pictured in the image data sets;

a template managing means for storing template data sets, which are to be synthesized with the image data sets;

15 an image searching means for searching among the image data sets, which are stored in the image managing means, for image data sets, in which the subjects specified by the subject specifying means are pictured;

20 an image synthesizing means for generating synthesized image data sets, by synthesizing image data sets, which have been located by the image searching means, with predetermined template data sets from among the template data sets, which are stored in the template managing means, according to the photography location of the image data sets, 25 in a predetermined layout; and

an output means, for outputting the synthesized image

data sets.

2. A system for providing synthesized images as defined in Claim 1, wherein the subject specifying means comprises:

5       subject specifying data transmitting means for transmitting prerecorded subject specifying data; and

          subject specifying data receiving means for receiving the subject specifying data, transmitted from the subject specifying data transmitting means; wherein:

10       the subject specifying data transmitting means are distributed among subjects in advance; and

          the subject specifying data receiving means receives the subject specifying data of a photographed subject from the subject specifying data transmitting means held by the  
15   photographed subject, corresponding to photography operations of the cameras.

3. A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 1, wherein the subject specifying means comprises:

20       media, in which subject specifying data are recorded; and

          readout means for reading out the subject specifying data from the media; wherein:

          the media are distributed among subjects in advance;

25   and

          the readout means reads out the subject specifying

data of a photographed subject from the medium held by the photographed subject, corresponding to photography operations of the cameras.

4. A system for providing synthesized images as  
5 defined in claim 1, further comprising:

an image selecting means for selecting image data sets from among the image data sets, which have been located by the image searching means, to be synthesized with the template data sets.

10 5. A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 2, further comprising:

an image selecting means for selecting image data sets from among the image data sets, which have been located by the image searching means, to be synthesized with the  
15 template data sets.

6. A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 3, further comprising:

an image selecting means for selecting image data sets from among the image data sets, which have been located by  
20 the image searching means, to be synthesized with the template data sets.

7. A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 1, wherein the image synthesizing means comprises:

25 a template selecting means for selecting template data sets from among the template data sets, which are stored

in the template managing means, to be synthesized with the image data sets; wherein:

the selected template data sets are synthesized with the image data sets.

5        8. A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 2, wherein the image synthesizing means comprises:

a template selecting means for selecting template data sets from among the template data sets, which are stored  
10 in the template managing means, to be synthesized with the image data sets; wherein:

the selected template data sets are synthesized with the image data sets.

9. A system for providing synthesized images as  
15 defined in claim 3, wherein the image synthesizing means comprises:

a template selecting means for selecting template data sets from among the template data sets, which are stored in the template managing means, to be synthesized with the  
20 image data sets; wherein:

the selected template data sets are synthesized with the image data sets.

10. A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 4, wherein the image synthesizing means  
25 comprises:

a template selecting means for selecting template

data sets from among the template data sets, which are stored in the template managing means, to be synthesized with the image data sets; wherein:

the selected template data sets are synthesized with  
5 the image data sets.

11. A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 5, wherein the image synthesizing means comprises:

a template selecting means for selecting template  
10 data sets from among the template data sets, which are stored in the template managing means, to be synthesized with the image data sets; wherein:

the selected template data sets are synthesized with the image data sets.

15 12. A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 6, wherein the image synthesizing means comprises:

a template selecting means for selecting template data sets from among the template data sets, which are stored  
20 in the template managing means, to be synthesized with the image data sets; wherein:

the selected template data sets are synthesized with the image data sets.

13. A system for providing synthesized images as  
25 defined in claim 7, wherein:

the template selecting means increases the number of

selectable template data sets, with which the image data sets are synthesized, according to the number of image data sets in which the same subject is pictured.

14. A system for providing synthesized images as  
5 defined in claim 8, wherein:

the template selecting means increases the number of selectable template data sets, with which the image data sets are synthesized, according to the number of image data sets in which the same subject is pictured.

10 15. A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 9, wherein:

the template selecting means increases the number of selectable template data sets, with which the image data sets are synthesized, according to the number of image data  
15 sets in which the same subject is pictured.

16. A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 10, wherein:

the template selecting means increases the number of selectable template data sets, with which the image data  
20 sets are synthesized, according to the number of image data sets in which the same subject is pictured.

17. A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 11, wherein:

the template selecting means increases the number of  
25 selectable template data sets, with which the image data sets are synthesized, according to the number of image data

sets in which the same subject is pictured.

18. A system for providing synthesized images as defined in claim 12, wherein:

the template selecting means increases the number of  
5 selectable template data sets, with which the image data sets are synthesized, according to the number of image data sets in which the same subject is pictured.

19. An image synthesizing apparatus comprising:

an image receiving means for receiving input of image  
10 data sets; and

an image synthesizing means; wherein

the image synthesizing means generates synthesized image data sets, by synthesizing image data sets, which have been input, with predetermined template data sets according  
15 to the photography location of the image data sets, in a predetermined layout.

20. A program that causes a computer to execute a method for synthesizing images, comprising the procedures of:

20 receiving input of image data sets; and

generating synthesized images; wherein

synthesized images are generated, by synthesized image data sets, which have been input, with predetermined template data sets according to the photography location  
25 of the image data sets, in a predetermined layout.

21. A computer readable medium having stored therein

the program defined in claim 20.